

Around the District

A lot is happening around the District, with some communities among the fastest-growing in Illinois. There's tremendous commercial growth in Oswego, Plano, and Yorkville and tremendous industrial growth in Minooka and Morris. This growth creates a robust jobs economy for our residents.

I helped secure millions in funding for Mutual Ground, serving local families impacted by domestic/sexual violence and substance use disorders.

IDOT is also investing hundreds of millions around the District. You'll see future improvements along US Route 6 from Marseilles to Seneca and Morris to Minooka. Illinois Routes 47, 52, and 126 will also see future improvements. Lastly, the expansion of Interstate 80 will continue, helping accommodate the above-noted growth.

We're blessed by the communities we call home, and I love helping them continually thrive. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you. Being your Representative is a great honor.



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Listening to Constituent Voices

Representatives act and speak on behalf of the people, the purest reflection of this statement is ensuring your voice is present in the legislation I champion. Together we accomplished this goal as the majority of my legislation started with constituents sharing heartfelt concerns and ideas.

Overall, listening to constituents fosters engagement, ensures accountability, and builds trust.

Fosters Engagement: When people see their concerns and ideas reflected in legislation, they feel heard. As a result, engagement increases over time and our local communities, businesses, and families reap the benefits.

Ensures Accountability: I'm held accountable by actively listening, ensuring my actions are reflective of the people's voices. This relationship between elected officials and constituents is foundational to good government.

Builds Trust: Engaging with constituents builds trust and ultimately mutual respect. These traits have sadly eroded from our government and it's time we restore them together.

Constituent voices absolutely shaped my legislative themes this past session. These themes were helping households, protecting kids, promoting careers, and preserving freedoms. Here are a few highlights:

HB4242 & HB4244: Helps households by assisting the disabled and senior citizens with property taxes.

HB4340: Protects kids by creating roadblocks to prevent sexual offenders from receiving plea deals.

HB4173: Promotes careers by restoring shop classes in high schools.

HB4243: Preserves freedoms by allowing patient choices with blood transfusions.

My role is to amplify your voice within the legislative process. Thank you for sharing heartfelt concerns and ideas this past year. Please know my door is always open. Let's keep working together, creating an environment where everyone wins!

Feel free to call or text me anytime, my cell phone is (630) 724-7600.

Springfield by the Numbers

To date, for the 103rd General Assembly, the House has filed 6,715 bills and resolutions, while the Senate has filed 5,014 bills and resolutions, bringing the total to a whopping 11,729 measures.

Keep in mind there are only 177 Representatives and Senators, making the average per elected official 66 measures. Wow! The last thing we need in Illinois is thousands and thousands of additional laws.

One of these measures is the FY25 budget. This year, I was hopeful for changes to the unsustainable budgeting practices of Illinois Democrats, but this budget is more of the same. We're facing the largest budget in state history filled with gimmicks, raises for lawmakers, and tax hikes. Altogether, this budget costs taxpayers a staggering \$53.1 billion.

The majority party is clearly out of touch with local businesses and families. People are struggling to make ends meet, so the last thing anyone needs is tax hikes, and this budget includes nearly \$1 billion of them. Adding insult to injury, this budget also includes \$1 billion in funding for non-citizen programs. Your family simply isn't a priority to the majority party.

This outcome is the sad reality of an out-of-balance state legislature operating on the will of one party. We must restore balance. Please know I'll continually push for common sense practices and against the passage of record-breaking budgets.

Nonsense Bills Which Were Stopped

Here are some nonsense bills this session.

HB4319: Mandates the teaching of climate change in schools. So, while fundamental scores struggle, why are we introducing additional requirements to classrooms?

HB4446: Sorry kids, no kangaroos for Christmas this year as this bill makes it an offense to keep one.

HB4805: Makes it illegal to operate or sell gas-powered leaf blowers.

These bills, unfortunately, show some of the mentality around Springfield.

Legislative Victories

Despite the majority party only allowing floor votes on 63 Republican bills, I celebrated some important legislative victories this past session.

HB4178: This bill allows eligible adults to become in-home caregivers for their family members. These caregivers often leave their careers to provide this care, creating significant financial hardships. This bill provides a simple solution, using dollars already allocated to pay them for their hard work.

HB4350: This bill is about one thing: protecting children from abuse and trafficking. Even one child facing abuse is too many, and I'm hopeful the notices created by this bill offer victims a way out.

Startup Funds Program: DCFS launched this program on May 1st, providing foster parents with much-needed startup funds for initial placements. My bill, **HB2995**, was the catalyst for this program and now positively impacts kids across Illinois.



Thank you to the constituents who worked with me on these bipartisan, common-sense bills.

Voting Against My Own Bill

Throughout the legislative process, difficult decisions arise. These decisions test our commitments to convictions and principles. I recently faced one of these decisions when voting against my own bill. This decision wasn't taken lightly but was necessary to uphold the values of accountability, good government, and transparency.

You see, my bill was incorporated into an omnibus package by the majority party. An omnibus package is a single document combining multiple measures and appropriations into one large bill. I feel this approach greatly diminishes the values noted above.

Accountability: When multiple bills are bundled together, it becomes challenging to hold legislators accountable for their votes. My constituents deserve to know where I stand on each issue with an unambiguous record of my votes. Omnibus packages make this statement impossible and sadly provide cover for poor votes.

Good Government: By their very nature, omnibus packages include good and bad ideas. The majority party hopes to pull bad ideas across the finish line with votes for good ideas. It's nonsense and good government should never play these games.

Transparency: Omnibus packages often include hundreds if not thousands of pages and drop mere hours before voting. This combination undermines the overall process as critical decisions are made without sufficient scrutiny. Ideas should fall or rise on their own merits, not packaged together with ideas from all over the map. All to say, transparency is anything but present.

My no-vote underscores a commitment to the principles of accountability, good government, and transparency. By taking a stand against this flawed process, I hope to encourage a better approach to lawmaking. You, the electorate, deserve nothing less.

